

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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LOVEST THOU ME?

Jon. 21: 1-17.

J. M. Viney

As I sit reading this chapter my mind runs back to the time that these seven humble followers of the lowly Nazarene were no doubt gathered together and were somewhat troubled and perplexed about the things that had lately taken place at this special time when Jesus had begun to build His church, the church of which He had declared that the gates of hell should not prevail against. We find these seven humble fishermen were charter members, so to speak, of this great Church of the Living God and now at the very beginning while Jesus Himself had called and anointed and ordained them to preach the Gospel in all the world. Matt. 28:19, and that many should believe on Him thru their word. John 17:20.

But now at this special time it seems like things had all gone wrong. I can imagine as these seven preachers of the Gospel and of the early church were conversing one with another about the things that had taken place in the church they had begun to love so well that they felt very much discouraged and I can imagine I hear one say, "Well brethren what are we going to do, I know it is the church which He said He would build all right and I know He sent us to preach the Gospel, but here we are, He Himself (Jesus) has gone away. They have crucified Him and we cannot converse with Him any more and the Treasurer has gone to the bad and what few members we had are scattered and the world has gone to talk in g a b o u t i t a n d t h e y a r e r e j o i c i n g b e c a u s e w e a r e i n s u c h a p l i g h t. What in the world will we do?" And so Peter being looked upon as a kind of a leader among them, after reviewing the situation suddenly comes to a conclusion and says, "Well, boys, I go a fishing." No doubt maybe Thomas speaks and replies, "We go with thee." The others no doubt join in "Well brethren I see nothing else for us to do, while He told us to preach the Gospel yet it seems like the church is a wreck and I guess we had better all go fishing." I imagine I hear Nathaniel say, "My family is in need, we haven't any flour in the house or anything to go on and we can go catch some fish and be back home by 10:00 o'clock and get a little money to buy something to eat." So here they go, they get their nets ready and get their boat out and away they go. They work hard all night and along about daylight, they decide to

HER DEAREST FRIEND

A gentleman visiting a friend for the first time had not long been seated when the little daughter brought out her birthday text-book. Turning over the leaves from January 1, he read the names of many of her friends. When he came to December 25 he found one line carefully written "Dear Jesus Christ." "But Mary," said the gentleman, "This is only for names of your friends. Looking up into his face, her face flushing with joy, "Why Jesus," she quietly replied, "is my very best and dearest friend, and that is the nicest birthday of all the year."—From the Sunday School Chronicle.

return to shore, all worn and hungry and sleepy and that much worse off for the night's labor.

As they begin to draw near the shore I hear one of the sons of Zebedee say, "Look yonder boys there is a fellow on the shore waiting for us to come so he can buy some fish and we haven't even one fish and as they drew near to the shore the man on the shore spoke and said, "Children, have ye any meat?" (Just a gentle rebuke). They answered Him, "No." Then, he said, Cast the net on the right side of the ship and when they did they caught a multitude of fish. The trouble was, the ship was a type of the Church of God and they had gotten on the wrong side (gone fishing) instead of the right side (gone preaching).

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COLUMBUS DISTRICT CONVENTION

The district convention for the Columbus District convened at Thomaston, Georgia August 13-15, 1926. The saints began to gather for the meeting. We met at the schoolhouse where the convention was to be held and service began at 7:30 P. M. The presence of the Lord was felt from the beginning of the meeting. After song, prayer and praise service, we listened to a good sermon by Brother J. W. Culpepper, State Overseer.

He showed the need of God's children being in unity and not being carried away by every kind of doctrine. It was a wonderful service and greatly enjoyed by those present.

We met back again at 3:00 o'clock P. M. Saturday and began to sing the good songs of Zion after which we had another good sermon by Brother Culpepper on "The Duty Of Church Members." Scripture Lesson, 2d Timothy 2.

Surely we all saw the need of a closer walk with God and His Church. We had reports from the churches. There are only two churches in this district which are Columbus and Thomaston. After hearing a report from the clerk and pastor of each church we adjourned until night. On Saturday at 7:30 P. M. we met again and the power of the Lord was manifested in the song and prayer service. After which we had another wonderful sermon by Brother Culpepper. Subject: Faithfulness. The message was enjoyed by all.

Sunday August 15th 10:00 a. m. Sunday School 11:00 a. m. sermon by E. C. Hilton on the subject of Sanctification, after which the writer gave a short talk. Sunday 7:15 p. m. song service and two were saved. 2:30 songs and prayer and praise service. After which Sister Mary McCord preached a good sermon. Subject: "Obedience," then the writer gave a short talk. Sunday 7:15 P. M. song

and prayers. This was the most glorious service of the convention. Brother Culpepper preached a wonderful sermon on the judgment. Sinner's hearts were touched and they were melted to tears as this great man of God brought the message under the power and unction of the Holy Ghost. Many said it was the best sermon they ever heard. The altar call was made and the altar was filled with seekers and the dear Lord blest, after which we dismissed with handshakes and good-byes, each going to their field of labor more determined to do more for God and His church.

This convention will long be remembered by those present. We sure do appreciate having a man like Brother Culpepper for our State Overseer.

We are now in a revival here which started at the close of the convention and desire the prayers of all the saints that God will give us many souls.—Reubin H. Martin, District Overseer.

GREAT VICTORY WON AT MARION VIRGINIA

MARION, Va.—As I feel led to write a testimony to the Evangelist this morning am glad I can still say I have the victory over the enemy, still saved, sanctified and the sweet Holy Ghost still abides. Praise His name.

We have been having services here for several days. Brother Bowles has been giving out some wonderful sermons here for us and the dear Lord surely did bless in every service. We believe the Lord has called Brother Bowles to do a wonderful work for Him and we certainly feel proud of him in the Church of God.

We are building a new church house here and will soon have it completed, which we praise the Lord for. We have been trying to get a church house built here for several years, but have just got it started. The Church was almost gone here four or five months ago when Brother J. C. Jernigan came here and he certainly has been an upbuilding to the Church here. Many are determined to go all the way with Jesus regardless of what the cost may be. We certainly thank God for such men as Brother Jernigan. He has done a wonderful work in Marion for the Lord and we surely wish for him to be with us again the coming year for our Pastor and State Overseer.

I ask each saint to pray for me that I may go all the way with my Savior and learn more about Him each day and be ready to meet Him at His soon coming.—Anna Gullion.

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BRANFORD FLORIDA CAMP MEETING

We have just closed one of the greatest camp meetings that has ever been in Brandford, beginning August 5th and closing the 15th. Brother Ed Williams and wife of Tampa, Florida had charge of the meeting. Sister Williams presided at the piano and rendered valuable service in both music and singing. I believe we can truly say that the interest and attendance at the very first service was greater than any camp meeting here to fore. This we owe a greater part to Brother Hicks, Pastor, as it was he who advertised the meeting by sending out hundreds of written invitations and inviting all with whom he came in contact.

The main features of this meeting were unity and fellowship. Never before have we witnessed such love, unity and fellowship between both saint and sinner. The meeting seemingly had been already prayed up and the power and manifestations of the Spirit began to work at the very beginning and it was no trouble to get the hungry seekers to the altar and as the power would fall they would soon pray through and shout the victory. The altar was full of earnest seekers at every service and many received a blessing. We tried to keep record of all those who were saved, but this was impossible but as well as we could keep account there were fifteen who received the Holy Ghost, sixteen sanctified and five reclaimed. The house was crowded to its capacity, also the yard. Never before have we realized and felt the need of more room, the fact is we need a larger tabernacle and more camping ground, as the place we now have will not accomo-

SOME MANIFESTATIONS OF LOVE

PAISED HIS ENEMY

A United States President asked a certain general a question about another officer. Overhearing his reply (which praised the other), his friend approached him afterwards and said: "General, do you know that the man of whom you spoke is one of your bitterest enemies, and misses no opportunity to malign you?" "Yes," replied the officer, "but the President asked my opinion of him; he did not ask for his opinion of me."—The Sunday Circle.

date half the people. Brother Williams mentioned this several times, and asked all those that were in favor of this and would be willing to help in this cause to hold up their hand and more than one hundred went up, so I believe if we can get the right ones behind this thing it won't be long before we will get things in shape to begin work here and until we do get this I fear we are going to have to discontinue The Branford Camp Meetings, as it is not right and neither is it fair to invite folks here and not have the room to accommodate and make them comfortable.

Many good sermons were preached throughout the camp meeting. The Spirit fell in a wonderful way and after good-byes and God bless yous had been said we went home carrying with us the sweet memories of "The Camp Meeting."—Mrs C. E. Lease.

GOD IS YET ON THE THRONE

PILOT KNOB, Mo.—I want to praise God for His wonderful love. We had a wonderful time Sunday (15th). We had services at 11:00 a. m. and at 3:00 o'clock in the p. m. and at 5:00 o'clock went down to the river where five were baptized in water.

On Tuesday night as we went to service, there was a crowd of people gathered around the front porch of a family that lives just across from our little mission and as we went over to see what was the matter, we found a little nine months old baby just at the point of death. Three doctors gave it up. It had inflammation of the bowels. We asked the lady if we could pray for it. At first she said no but God moved upon her heart and in a few minutes she said yes and we anointed it with oil and prayed for it and went on to service and on Friday we now have will not accomo-

A Time To Love And A Time To Hate

F. J. Lee

Text.—Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him.

Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.—Leviticus 19:17, 18.

The young lawyer asked Jesus to explain to him who was his neighbour, then Jesus gave the example and showed that any one whom we have the opportunity of being a blessing to our neighbor. While we are to help every one we can by speaking kind words to them, shake their hand, pray for them, give them a smile, wave your hand at them, in fact show to them real kindness and help them to serve the Lord if they will let you, and if they will not, you may feel sorry for and pray for them.

But this is not the only way you can bless them. The text says that we should in anywise rebuke them. This may not seem pleasant, but I am sure it is good in the long run.

Our little children often need a rebuke, sometimes a mild rebuke will do, then at other times they may need a severe flogging, they may think that it was not the best for them, but after they become men and women they acknowledge it was the very thing they needed. If we as parents refuse to rebuke them just because of sympathy, we disobey the Word of God and ruin the child.

This applies in Church affairs in the same way, we are as officials to rebuke as well as to exhort and love. Some say, "you don't manifest the love that you should, love, love will regulate or make everything right." I say the same, but a smile, a tear or a hand shake is not the only sign of love. If I carress my little child and tell him that papa loves him to the extent that he cannot whip him, my love is not genuine, but if I look to the future welfare of the child and rebuke him and flog him quite often when he needs it I am not doing it because I want revenge, but because I am looking to the best interest of the child, my love for him wants him to be obedient and become the man that real fatherly love has designed that he should be.

The statement is, "In anywise rebuke." Of course the inference is, if they need to be rebuked. "Anywise" here carries the (Continued on page 2.)

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield, if nothing else, a postal card telling Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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The man that dips his pen in the ink of personal experience can write something of realities.

I would rather be a lone pilgrim as to be surrounded by false friends.

I would rather speed up my journey to the city of gold as to lounge around and fuss over the spoils of war.

I much prefer the divine revelation of the Bible Church as the revelation by flesh and blood.

There are some things spiritually discerned that the wise heads can never learn.

Some churches claim to be the Bible Church, but they and the picture of the early Church do not resemble.

Old time religion is just as old timey as it ever was when folks get it in the old time way.

The early Church was dispersed from Jerusalem by severe persecution, but the old fire kindled in almost every nation.

One of the greatest needs of the hour is divine revelation of Jesus Christ and what His Church really is.

One of the greatest experiences of the life of DANIEL was the night he spent with the angel in the lion's den. He could not have had that experience had he not been willing to go to the den.

One of the most stupendous miracles performed by our Lord was when He said "Peace be still" and the stormy sea became calm. It was necessary to have the storm in order to have the miracle.

One of the greatest experiences in the life of JOHN was when they exiled him to the isle of Patmos and he found himself in the front yard of heaven with the door open.

Most people want the best and leave the worst, few are willing to take the worst to get the best.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The General Secretary is supplying the Church clerks with the annual report blank and respectfully requests that they be filled out by the clerk and returned to him in the addressed envelope enclosed. This should be done at once as there is much work to be done in preparing the general report for the Assembly which convenes Oct. 18-24 Inc.

Since our opposers have paid us such a high compliment for

the pictures that appeared on the fourth page of the Evangel a few weeks ago we have decided to reproduce them in this issue.

SPECIAL NOTICE

It is now time for you to order your Sunday School supplies for the fourth quarter. For information of our Sunday School secretaries we quote the prices on same.

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Since my old friend, A. J. Lawson, President and General Manager of the Bureau of misinformation in this City has paid the Executive Council such a high tribute since seeing their pictures on the fourth page of the CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL a few weeks ago it seems that the "THREE BIG MEN" (as he chooses to call them) ought to very highly appreciate this compliment especially since he was never known to do such a thing before, even when the former General Overseer and his wife's pictures appeared in the minutes of the General Assembly. Many good people expressed their disgust at that, but my friend, Lawson never had a word to say as it altogether depends on whose picture he sees as to what he thinks of it. I suppose Mr. Lawson has forgotten the time that he made a speech on the floor of the Assembly and favored three men acting in harmony in the conduct of the general business affairs of the Church. He would like for his friends to forget all this as he found in after years that he could go back on his own speech and pick up a far fetched theory or plea in order to defeat the will and purposes of the great majority of the Church. Mr. Lawson favored the adoption of the constitution also the measure above referred to. I have often wondered about the sow that returned to her wallowing in the mire and the dog to his vomit.

BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT HEARERS ONLY, DECEIVING YOUR OWN SELVES

God is looking for a man, a real man with faith and obedience, men and women that will work in His vineyard. There was no room in the inn for Jesus so there is no room in God's vineyard for slothfulness, God is looking for men to day that will work. He that doesn't work shall not eat. Who says that he doesn't believe in so much shouting? Who says the man that doesn't work never gets on shouting ground?

Some tell us they have been saved for ten years and they never had been on shouting ground, yet they ask where is it. The answer is directly on the line of faith and perfect obedience to God's will and way. If we live up to the standard of sanctification that God has raised up for the church we will be on shouting ground all the time, the salvation of the church is a joyful salvation. If any will be a doer of the Word he shall know of the doctrine. If there ever was a day when we as preachers and workers together in the church should be at our best, it is now. The devil is doing his best to retard the faith.

The Church of God with head-

NOTICES

I would be glad to have a tenant to work my land in 1927. I want Church of God people. I have the best of land, near a good school and close to Church of God. Would be glad to hear from any one interested.—A. J. Sandifer, Route 1, Epps, La.

I want a music teacher to teach my children how to play the organ. I want them to come to my home and live, they will be treated well.—Bama White, Route 3, Rienzi, Miss.

This is to notify you that there is a man by the name of James Goodly who claims to be from Rome, Georgia who is traveling over the country passing himself off as a Church of God preacher, but never has any papers to show who he is with. He came through here in my absence and told three or four different tales and got up money and did the same at Bedford City, Virginia.—F. W. Anderson, 415 Oakely Ave., Lynchburg, Va.

ANOTHER STATE OVERSEER'S OPINION ABOUT THE LAWSUIT

Mr. J. S. Llewellyn, Editor,

REQUESTS

I am not a Church member, but I promised God if He would let me get well I would testify to it. I have been sick all summer and have prayed for the Lord to heal me and I have faith to believe He is going to. I want everybody to pray that I will get well and strong.—M. A. E. Ravensford, N. C.

I want all the saints to pray for me that I may receive the Holy Ghost, I am sanctified but need more of God's power.—B. A. Bennett, Winter Garden, Fla.

quarters at Cleveland, Tennessee with F. J. Lee, General Overseer is rising and shining, so let us keep busy in the vineyard of our Lord till He comes or calls.—C. C. Stewart, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

SOME MANIFESTATIONS OF LOVE

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thought that if any one was guilty on anywise he should be rebuked, not just smooth over or cover the deed, but Paul says, "Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear." This means give them a public rebuke. Paul's thought in this is not only would the individual be benefited, but others knowing about the rebuke would also fear and this would be the means of helping to hold them in line.

The Church was not to rebuke because in this she could get revenge, but she was to rebuke before all because of the love that she had for all as well as for the individual.

The text further states, "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear a grudge against the children of thy people." While we have had to rebuke some in the past, I feel sure that no one has done anything for revenge, neither are those in authority holding any grudge. The definition of grudge is "sullen malice, or cherished malice." No child of God can cherish any malice against any one.

I pause for a moment to take a retrospective view of the past, also to take an inward view of

Dear Brother:

I note with great interest the fact that things, despite of the hindrances, are moving on nicely at headquarters and I only want to say that the ministry in the State of Missouri is standing like a stone wall for the Church of God.

And I feel sure if we lose all that is involved in the suit as to financial value we could raise it within thirty days, as the churches and ministers are tired of antagonism and would give all that is involved in a financial way to get rid of the scum of A. J. Tomlinson and his crowd.

I think things are going to work out right and I believe our ministers would go out in the red brush before they would go back to our opposers, and we do not feel that you and your associates that have given your life and services to the Church of God have acted from any prejudice or selfish interests and we are with you to a finish and if we go we are all together and if we stay, we all stay together.

Trusting God will bless you and your associates in the future as in the past, I remain Faithfully yours, E. C. Clark.

Pray for me that I may receive the Holy Ghost, also pray for me as I got mad dog bit. Pray much.—Grace Freeland, Box 147, Littleton, W. Va.

Please pray for the Church of God at Heidelberg, Kentucky. We are weak and old Satan is working, but praise God the Savior is able to bring us through.—One of the members.

I am asking a special prayer for the healing of my body and for my soul. I am not a true follower of God, but pray that I may be a true worker in the future.—Velmar Flemings, Route 1, Walthall, Miss.

my conscientious feelings about the matter, and I can truthfully declare that there is not within me, nor has there been, a spirit of revenge, retaliation or cherished malice, but for the love of God, His cause and His people have we spoken and acted in the past.

Ye that Love the Lord Hate Evil

The next thought, "Thou shalt not hate thy brother." The definition of "hate" is "strong aversion, coupled with ill will. To abhor, detest, abominate, loathe." Do I abhor or loathe any individual? The answer comes immediately, "I do not." But the Word says, "There is a time to love and a time to hate." This being true it does not authorize us to hate our fellowmen, makes no difference how crooked they may have walked, the time to love is at all times, love their souls, pray for and help the wayward one to turn to the Lord. David said, "I hate the works of them that turn aside. I hate every false way. I hate vain thoughts, I hate and abhor lying. A froward mouth do I hate."

We are justified in hating crooked dealings, but the individual we must love.

"Not hate thy brother in thine heart." The Word says that blasphemy comes from the heart. I have heard parties speak against the Holy Ghost and it appeared to be real blasphemy, but later those parties received the Holy Ghost. How could this be, since there is no forgiveness for the blasphemer against the Holy Ghost? Here is the answer.

wer, The words of those parties were only from the lips, but not from the heart. Sometimes expressions may be made, and those standing by might think that the one speaking was manifesting a spirit of hatred, but God did not look on it as such since He looks at the heart.

The last thought of the text, "I am the Lord." The definition of lord is one having power and authority as chief ruler. He gives us to understand that if we go contrary to His laws He stands with authority to punish us, therefore since we are to hate crooked dealings or sin from any angle and must on any wise rebuke those that commit it, we are also bound to love and help our fellowmen return to the right path, never hating the individual, but only the deeds.

With best wishes to all who may read this article, I close hoping it to be an inspiration to some to learn more heavily on God, and watch their spirit that it be not overwhelmed or dominated over by the spirit of the evil one.

LOVEST THOU ME?

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Then John looking at Peter said, "It is the Lord," and Peter put his coat on, for he was like Adam was when he ate of the forbidden fruit, he was naked. He felt convicted, his conscience troubled him because he had disobeyed God and gone fishing instead of preaching. Now they had toiled hard all night and had caught nothing, but now when they saw Jesus they also spied hot fish and bread. Oh how hungry they were after working so hard and they had thought they just had to fish and O what a lesson. Here was Jesus, no doubt had no money, but Lo and behold, there was bread and fish and Jesus said, "Now come and dine." Then after they had dined Jesus said to Peter, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?" or in other words, "Peter which do you love best, these old fish boats and nets and fishes or me?"

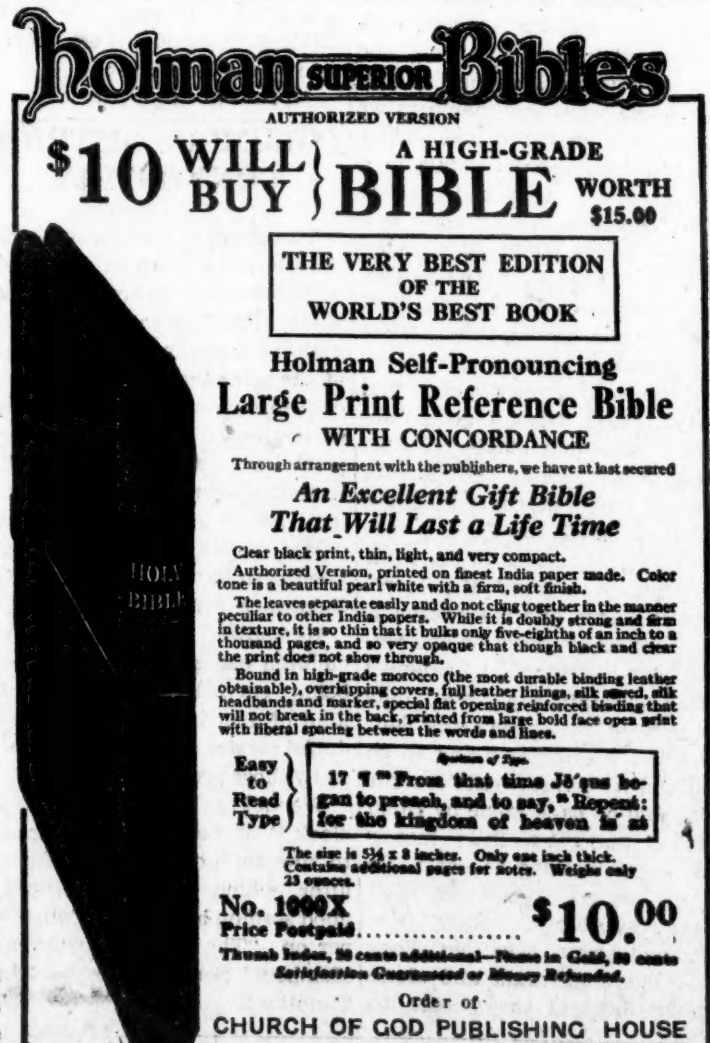
Peter said, "Yea Lord thou knowest that I love thee." He said, "Feed my Lambs." or, in other words, "All right then Peter, if you love me then don't go fishing any more, but preach the Gospel. Feed my Lambs." Jesus asked him the question

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three times and the last time Peter became very emphatic about the matter and replied, "Yea Lord thou knowest that I love thee." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." Jesus wanted to impress upon their minds the fact that they must love Him more than the boats and nets and fish and instead of returning to their former occupation the must preach the Gospel and feed the lambs of the sheep and that is why Paul said in Acts 20: 28 wherefore take heed unto yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the Church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood. So in conclusion let me ask the question, which do you love the best, your plows and harrows and cotton or corn and your daily occupation, or Jesus? If you love Jesus and His church, preach the Gospel and if not then go fishing.

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REPORTS

LORD BLESSING IN VIRGINIA

IVANHOE, Va.—We just closed a few days meetings at Allison Chapel near Sylvanus, Virginia. The good people have labored and given their money to build the house. May God bless them for their faithfulness. The Lord blessed in giving out the Word. Good music was rendered by Brother J. L. Dalton and Sister Dixie Manuel. The results of the meeting was one saved and one added to the Church.—H. O. Harris, Pastor.

STANDING FOUR- SQUARE

DALTON, Ga.—We have just closed a revival at this place which lasted three weeks. We had good meetings most all the time considering the rain. Folks would come for quite a distance through the mud.

There were nine saved, five sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, five added to the Church and eleven baptized in water. The devil was stirred.

Saints please pray for the work here. There are about four different kind of holiness people here, each claiming to be the Church of God. Our church stands foursquare for the teachings of the General Assembly over which F. J. Lee is General Overseer. Not one here has showed the least sign of discouragement about the way the lawsuit went, but we feel confident that the Lord's will will be done. As for myself, I think more of the Church when it makes things come clean. Saints pray for us here.—J. B. Weeks, Pastor.

NORTH CAROLINA CAMP MEETING

WASHINGTON, N. C.—We will never praise our God enough for being in another camp meeting with Brother S. J. Heath and wife in charge. Sister Heath rendered valuable service at the piano which was enjoyed by all. She also brought some interesting messages which were edifying and it is useless to say that Brother Heath fed us on meat. He surely did feed the sheep and persuaded the sinners to come to Christ.

Our meeting had been running three weeks on August 5th, then the camp meeting began. There were eight testified of being saved, six sanctified and five received the Holy Ghost. The more we are with Brother and Sister Heath the better we love them. They are good teachers and Church of God material. If you don't like the Church of God doctrine don't invite them.

Then to complete our happiness Brothers Rouse and Hammonds came on the scene to help make music. Oh, Praise the Lord it seemed that heaven was near. May God's richest blessings rest on all these humble workers and cause many souls to be saved.—Mrs. T. L. Little.

WANDERING SHEEP RETURNING

JENNINGS, Fla.—I am glad to report the dead alive again. The Church at this place had gone down, had not even had a revival in several years. I preached thirteen nights, ten were reclaimed and seven received the Holy Ghost. It surely

did my heart good to see those wandering sheep coming back home with tears pouring down their cheeks. They desire to be reorganized so I hope the District Overseer will see this and look after it.—Mary D. McHargue, Thomaston, Ga.

SOUL STIRRING MESSAGES

CHIEFLAND, Fla.—I want to thank God for the glorious meeting we had here. Brother Johnnie Johns and Brother Levi Tharp came and started the meeting and the Lord began to bless the first night. Later Sister Demerit came. The preachers brought some soul stirring messages and the hungry hearts went through to God. Brother Sullivan was with us a few days.

Ten received the Holy Ghost, ten sanctified and eight baptized in water. The last Sunday we had all day meeting and dinner on the ground.

The devil is mad, but by the help of the Lord we can overcome.

The brethren left the 9th of August, but Brother Tharp is going to try to come back and continue the meeting. Brother Tharp and Johns are from Tarpon Springs, Florida and they certainly are good preachers.

Everybody pray for this place and for the ones that went thru during the meeting that they will stand true. Pray for my husband to receive the Holy Ghost. Pray that the Lord will heal my body. I was healed one time and the devil made me doubt, so pray for me.—Etta King.

GOOD REVIVAL AT PARAGOULD

PARAGOULD, Ark. The Church of God is prospering at Paragould. The writer and Sister Mary Lynch began a revival at Paragould on Saturday night before the 1st Sunday in August and closed the meeting the 16th. The Lord surely did have His way in the meeting. Fourteen were saved, ten sanctified and seven received the Holy Ghost for we heard them speak in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Eleven were added to the Church of God and nine baptized in water. Brother Ed Bell attended to the baptizing.

The meeting closed with good interest and we are expecting God to do great things at Paragould. Pray much for the little band at Paragould. Pray also for me and my husband and children that I may stay in the center of the Lord's will and that they may be workers for the Lord.—Mrs. Naomi Rogers.

HAD NOT ATTENDED CHURCH IN TWENTY YEARS

PIKEVILLE, Tenn.—It is with a glad heart and a word of praise this beautiful morning that I write a sketch of our meeting that has just closed. On the morning of July 4th, Brothers H. K. Keith, Harmon Heldon and myself left our little home town for the city of Cleveland. Our journey was real pleasant and we arrived in Cleveland at 9:30 o'clock where we found the saints on the firing line for God. Just at noon we found a bountiful dinner spread which we enjoyed very much. We got a tent, and carried back with us Brothers Childers, Bryant and Whittington. We had good attendance from all the churches in the little city. People came to our services that had not been to church in twenty years. Older people said it was the best revival

that had been held here in twenty-five years.

There were fifteen saved, nine sanctified and ten received the Holy Ghost, for which we give God all the glory. Seventeen followed the Lord in water baptism. Eternity alone will reveal the good of this revival.—Sam Romans.

MANY HEALED— DEVIL STIRRED

EAST LAPOUR, N. C.—This was a peculiar meeting. We began a meeting in the schoolhouse conducted by Brother L. G. Rouse also Brother Hammonds. Saints came from various places. The Lord worked for a while. A few came thru to victory, then we were put out of the schoolhouse, but best of all the Lord healed some folks. One came ten miles and

got healed of Lung trouble, another came about forty miles and was healed of a dislocated limb. My wife was healed of a tumor. This is the kind of religion it took when the Bible was written to glorify God. This is the kind it took to stir the devil. The same kind of religion today will bring the same results as did then. Pray for this wicked place.—E. D. Hopkins.

GOOD MEETING AT REDDICK

KENDRICK, Fla.—We have just closed a two weeks meeting at Reddick, Florida and the Lord got glory out of it. The victory was surely won for Him. Three were filled with the Holy Ghost and many more were in the altar. Pray for this little band.—Omelia Farman.

Testimonies

VICTORY OVER SIN

DODDSVILLE, Miss.—I am praising Jesus this evening for a full and free salvation. I am really praising the Lord for directing Brother and Sister J. J. Wedgeworth to come here to hold a few day's meeting. It rained so we could not have the meeting, but we sure enjoyed the service in our home and on the 4th of August they prayed for me and I received the Holy Ghost. I will always thank them for coming and I praise God for sending them here. I ask all that know the Lord to pray for me that I may stay humble and low at Jesus' feet and pray for my unsaved family.—W. E. Childers.

STEADFAST AND IMMOVABLE

PINSON FORD, Ky.—I want to sound a note of praise thru the dear Evangel for the wonderful meeting we had Sunday. One was saved and the power of God fell and we felt much love for each other, altho we are deprived of a building at this time the one we had rented was sold so we have to have service in the homes and it is too hard to have Sunday School so we are praying for the Lord to undertake and open up a way for us to have a building to worship in. The work must go on if we have to carry it on in the street. There is much opposition here, but we just praise God for overcoming power and ask for grace sufficient to outlive every storm of life. We mean to stand true to the dear old Church of God. We are just a few in number, but I believe all are steadfast and immovable. I want every one who reads this to pray for this place. We are standing for the Church that the gates of hell cannot prevail against and we have the Word for a witness. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus and serve Him in the very beauty of holiness regardless of the cost.—Ellis Stevens.

HOW THE DEVIL WORKS

BOYNTON, Pa.—I praise God for free and full salvation, and still belong to the dear old Church of God, which is found on the good old rock. I was dead and am alive again. Our Lord said, "By His stripes we are healed."

I was very sick about a week ago and the Lord put His hand on me and healed me and I promised Him I would testify to it.

I went away on a visit and the devil kept after me so until I had my hair bobbed, when I

came back I repented to the Lord and to the dear old Church.

I am only twelve years of age and have been playing the organ at the Church of God for about two years.—Marie Smith.

SERVING A PRAYER ANSWERING GOD

THORPE, W. Va.—Dear Saints of God everywhere: I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel to the dear Lord for His goodness to me and His people in this part of the country. Surely He is a prayer hearing and prayer answering God and will come to our rescue.

About one month ago Brother E. J. Hanks, evangelist for Virginia came over to Gory, West Virginia to conduct a revival and while in the meeting there the enemy put up a tent in opposition, when they did this, Brother Hanks called off his meeting and went to Hemphill and one of the leaders in the Pentecostal church gave him a permit to begin meeting there and he began to preach the Word of God with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven and again the enemy began to work against us and excluded the brother from their church that turned us in and succeeded in getting us shut out of the building, but thank God He heard the cries of His faithful children and softened the heart of a brother just across the river who had charge of a building there and the man sent us word to come over there and preach until next fall if we wished, so we went over there and Brother Hanks continued preaching the Word with love and power for a little over a week and the dear saints continued to support him with prayers. Two were saved, two received the Holy Ghost and three were baptized in water. They said they wanted a Church of God there so Brother Hanks set the church in order with about twenty members also we have organized a Sunday School at that place and are very much encouraged about the work at this place.—A. J. Cox, Box 128.

CHURCH OF GOD PREACHER NEEDED

NEW SMYRNA, Fla.—I feel led to give a little testimony for my Lord. I am praising Him for His saving and keeping power and also His wonderful healing power. He has so wonderfully healed my family and I in the last four years, but best of all, was last June the 13th at the Wimauma Camp meeting He gave me the Holy Ghost. I can't praise Him enough. I am still

holding meetings in my home. We are just a few in number, but the Lord meets with us and blesses. There is no white Church of God as I know of in this country, but a few scattered members, but a lot of good material.

If a Church of God preacher and a band of workers would come to this place I believe there could be much good accomplished.

I want all who read this to pray for my family and I that we may be found in the will of the Lord.—J. J. Murray.

A GREAT DECEPTION

J. S. Llewellyn
The story is very current that a certain individual not many miles away, who was reared in the hills of East Tennessee, at an early age professed to be converted to the Christian religion and joined the Baptist Church, was licensed to preach in the year 1900 and ordained by the same Church in the early part of 1901. He was pastor at different local churches of the same faith and order for five or six years. He held various positions of honor and trust in that denomination. Finally he had the privilege of hearing the doctrine of Bible holiness and professed that faith and preached the doctrine of entire sanctification several years, became acquainted and was identified with the leading holiness movement, then about fifteen years ago he heard Pentecost, which is to say that the saints of these days may receive the same blessings and power that the early saints received on the day of Pentecost. He too, obtained this blessing and went forward, became connected with a certain leading organization, believing and teaching the Bible doctrines that he apparently had become a believer in, he becoming apparently intensely interested in the general welfare of the government of the Church. He was called on to discharge many important duties which he did to the satisfaction of those associated with him.

After years of congenial service the presiding officer or chief executive of the organization expressed the need of a written constitution for the organization. The question was considered at length by him and his councillors. They reached an agreement that it would be best to have a written constitution. The presiding officer proceeded to appoint a committee. He was apparently deceived into appointing this man who afterwards was branded as a deceiver and the other members of the committee appeared not to be much better. Complying with

the wishes of this high official they drafted this memorable document and this high official was deceived in placing his most hearty approval upon it item by item and section by section. He was afterwards deceived into presenting it to the General Convention for its adoption which they did most unanimously. Thousands of people deceived in a wholesale manner, but this is not the worst of it all yet, according to the information given out the Holy Ghost was deceived, the mighty God was deceived, literally hundreds were deceived in dancing under the power and talking in tongues, supposedly by the power of the Holy Ghost. This high official was deceived to such an extent until he exclaimed, "BEHOLD WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT." O, wonderful deception. We find it is written that "If it were possible he would deceive the elect," and if their statement deserves any credit with fair minded people they will be forced to the conclusion that this great deceiver could deceive the very elect if their statement be true.

Now think of it for a little while. This high official deceived, councillors deceived, the whole Assembly deceived, the Holy Ghost deceived, God deceived in that that great spiritual demonstration of approval was made, then after all this the whole thing charged as a deception entrapped by a great deceiver. We are made to wonder now why they do not charge the mighty God and the Holy Ghost from departing from the original faith and tenants of the Church as they appeared to participate and have all things under their supreme control. "Consistency thou art a jewel."

GOD IS YET ON THE THRONE

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day night before service we went over to see the baby and it was sitting up playing and did not look like the same child. The mother told us that after we prayed for it, it went to sleep and awoke the next morning feeling fine. That opened the eyes of the people here in Pilot Knob. We earnestly covet the prayers of God's dear people.—Everet D. Jenkins.

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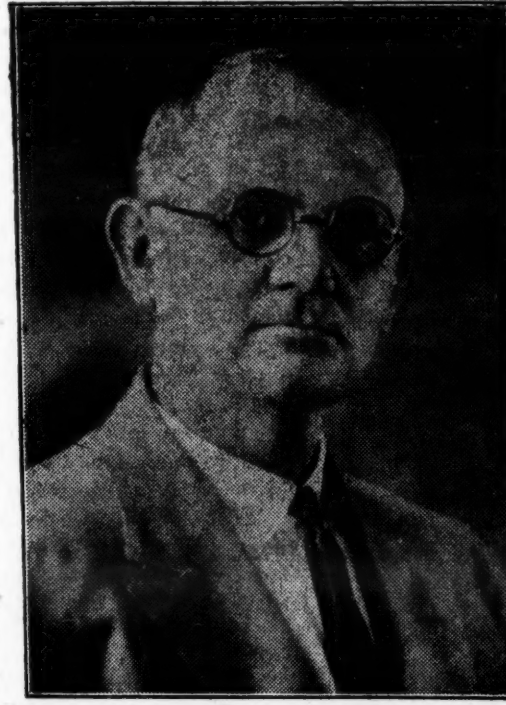
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